

POISONOUS BERRIES

There are several poisonous berries in our area and we wanted to point a few of the most common. These are potentially very dangerous to ingest, and it is best to know and avoid them.



Pokeweed-This weed spreads by seed and comes up seemingly at random in different places year to year. Many parts of the plant are highly toxic, especially the berries and roots. When this is found on your property, we recommend removal, using full body clothing and gloves as a precaution. Sometimes children are attracted by the bright color of the berries.



English Laurel-These common screening shrubs have an almost black berry this time of the year that contains significant toxins. Though they are often too high up to be a threat to children, plants on your property could be searched for any low-lying berries that children might be attracted to.

Toxic English laurel berries ripen to black



English Holly- Despite their use as holiday decorations, these berries are toxic.



Yew berries- The pits of yew berries are very toxic. The bitter taste can turn off most ingestions, but it still one to teach your children to avoid.



Nightshade- This pretty vining weed has quite pretty flowers followed by red to purple red fruits. Unfortunately, the fruits are quite poisonous. We recommend removing this plant from your property, making sure the seeds do not fall and sprout.